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Thanksgiving is the next stop.  
The rush for pensions under the new State pension law still continues.  
Editor Wm. R. Hearst says he is out of politics. Did he leave or was he put out?  
Don't worry about the Gainesville banks. They're as solid as the rocks of Gibraltar.  
The Ocala "Coming-Out" convention was a grand success, but no real sensation was sprung.  
The King and Queen of Spain are reported to be traveling with a dummy baby. How easy married life is nowadays.  
A Pennsylvania miser who spent about three cents last year is dead. He just couldn't bear the increase in living expenses.  
The Pensacola News nominates Senator P. M. Hudson of Miami for Attorney-General. Senator Hudson is an able lawyer and polished gentleman, and would fill the office with credit to the State and honor to himself.  
Gov. Folk, in his speech at the Jamestown Exposition, on Missouri did not stand pat on a sore spot when he said: "A tariff deliberately designed to create monopoly and to give a few people the right to lord over the rest of the people is prohibited by the moral law—the law of conscience."  
A special session of the Legislature is called by Governor Broward. It is probable that there will be several new faces in the House. The former members from Marion county are now disqualified, and it is said that special elections will have to be called to fill these and other vacancies.  
The next Legislature of Maryland will disfranchise the ignorant negro. The Legislature of Florida at its next session will very likely do the same thing—Miami Metropolis. We are under the impression that the "ignorant negro vote" was already disfranchised in Florida under the present ballot system.  
Criticisms from the reports of progress in Palatka, and the contemplated improvement in the nature of building, about paving, etc., as recorded in the Palatka Times-Herald, it would seem that the prohibition victory in the coming election, especially in the city by the lake, will not prove such a disaster to the anti-temperance people as is feared. It is to be prior to the election of Old Putnam and her chief aim will be to show those who cried for prohibition that commercial and manufacturing interests are a thing or two.

WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE.  
Washington, D. C., Nov. 14.—The result of the elections shows the general trend towards Democracy, and in a great measure indicates a Democratic victory next year. New York and New Jersey will be the great battle ground, with the result depending upon the independent vote in both States. The question of an attractive Presidential candidate to appeal to those independent voters will be paramount when both the conventions of the great parties meet. At the same time the feelings of the rank and file of both parties must be considered by the political managers, for neither party can afford to have any serious schism to cause a loss of votes, so the nominees and the platforms must be generally approved by the regular party followers. Such conditions will put the party managers to their trumps, and should result in both conventions nominating their most available men, instead of the successful factions riding roughshod over the other faction. The defeat of Congressman Burton by Tom Johnson will help to eliminate Taft and aid the Foraker faction in Ohio. It will also bring Tom Johnson to the front as a possible candidate for President upon whom the Democrats can unite. How the party leaders in New York, New Jersey and other doubtful States would view Tom Johnson as the candidate it is too early to decide. He may be thought too radical in some of his views, but there is not much doubt that the great mass of Democrats everywhere would rally to his standard, if they arrive at the conclusion he can best unite the party. Tom Johnson is friendly with Mr. Bryan, although he does not endorse Mr. Bryan's view of the necessity of Government ownership of railroads, but is an ardent advocate of municipal ownership of public utilities. He is a single taxer and a free trader in theory, but uses his efforts for equal taxation of all alike. Tom Johnson believes faithfully in that good old Democratic doctrine of "equal rights to all and special privileges to none."  
Congress will meet in less than a month and we may expect every member to be loaded with one or more speeches on the financial issue. All will have a panacea for panics, and but few agree on details for further inflation of the currency, whether of the "asset" or "secured" variety. The coming session of Congress will be more devoted to oratory than to the passage of remedial legislation for the ills that Republican policies have forced on the country.  
The panic has had such a sobering effect on President Roosevelt that he is re-writing that portion of his message which relates to the finances and corporations. He has conferred with the steel trust magnates about those matters and it is currently reported he will tone down his recommendations to the tune of the times, as the corporation magnates think advisable. Thus the message to Congress will reveal that the Roosevelt of today is not the Roosevelt that has so frequently denounced the bad trusts, and the criminal rich, and the malefactors of great wealth.  
"Oh, what a fall was there, my countrymen; Then you and I and all of us fell down, And bloody treason flourished over us,"  
ROBERT MILLER.

That man is blessed beyond compare in whose home the child's voice is heard. All of life's nobler interests begin when the baby comes. Its dancing eyes and tiny hands touch every hidden spring. They compel you to gird yourself for harder toil if they are to be fed by it. The baby's dear little hand strikes from your brow the sweat of the day's labor. That man is blessed if a tiny form gathers about his knees when the day's work is done. Once to enjoy it, and then to lose it is to pass from heaven to hell. Pity the man whose baby cannot nestle close on his breast when the shadows fall!  
Our old friend, J. W. Keys, who was for a long time employed as a type on The Sun, has been making further discoveries, declaring now that he can produce the proof that oil exists in Gadsden county. He evidently has the "Keys" to the situation. Mr. Keys was always an explorer and prospector, and is by no means slow in the work. Having made a special study of minerals, etc., through actual observation and experience, his statement may be correct. At any rate, it is worth investigating.

DR. HOLLEY'S NEW CHURCH.  
Rev. J. B. Holley, for some time pastor of the First Baptist church in this city, and who has many friends here, but who for the past two years has been pastor of the Second Baptist church in Augusta, Ga., is rejoicing over the erection of a new church for his congregation, and the people of that city are rejoicing with him.  
Rev. Holley is not only a fine speaker, but an eloquent worker, as has been proven that through his efforts he has raised more than \$15,000 for a handsome new church for his congregation in Augusta.  
The people of the Second Baptist church of Augusta evidently appreciate their pastor for what he has accomplished there, for, in addition to increasing his salary, the congregation recently voted that himself and wife should have a trip both to the State convention in Valdosta and the Southern Baptist convention, which will be held in May of the coming year, at the expense of the church.  
The Augusta Chronicle of recent date has the following to say regarding the new church and its pastor:  
"Congratulations are extended today to the pastor and congregation of the Second Baptist church, which holds its opening services in its new edifice. This is one of the smaller congregations of the city, but there are few if any more energetic and progressive. Especially since the coming of its new pastor, Rev. J. B. Holley, has it forged steadily to the front, and this morning enters formally a structure that is creditable not only to this congregation but the city generally which possesses many church edifices. The building represents an outlay of fifteen thousand dollars and has been built within the past eight months, though preliminary preparations had been under way for some months before actual work begun. It is a handsome pressed brick structure on Kollock street and is architecturally imposing within and without."  
A SENSIBLE CONCLUSION.  
The Florida Times-Union of the 14th inst. contains the following interesting and timely suggestion under the caption, "Exit the Forest—Enter the Farm."  
"It is with the forest as with the buffalo—they must go that man may come. Dismal pictures constantly emanate from Washington of a future wherein the place of the forest will be vacant, and we are told that deserts will confront us in their stead, but who believes all he hears? Until the land is needed for farms or demanded in some other shape by our population it is well to reserve forest areas in moderation, but it will be found that excess is always dangerous, and the need for spending millions in tree planting does not yet appear. Pinchot's fad is all right, but a fad that runs away with a President doesn't look so well. Man adapts himself to the needs of civilization. As lumber grows scarce and high we find something better to serve our purposes.  
"Edison is to build us a better and safer house at half the cost of wooden dwellings. Throughout this country there are many plants now a mere burden on the surface of the earth from which to make paper. Our State would be the richer for the absence of the saw palmetto, and yet that can furnish paper for many years with by-products that should pay the expenses of collecting the plant at least. At present the greatest obstacle is the absence of machinery to pull it out of the ground or cut it off by wholesale as wheat is reaped.  
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